

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions/listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

Claims 23-45 (canceled)

46. (new) A composition comprising a foam component, wherein said foam component comprises a mixture of a polymeric material and an active ingredient, is in the form of particle, sheet or encapsulate, and is adapted for stability upon contact with air and instability upon contact with water.
47. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein at least part of the active ingredient is released upon contact with water.
48. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said polymeric material comprises a water-soluble polymer and/or a water-dispersible polymer.
49. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said foam component has an elastic modulus of less than 10 GN.m⁻².
50. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said foam component is in the form of particles having an average particle size of from about 50 to about 4000 microns
51. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said foam component has a relative density of 0.05 to 0.9.
52. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of: cleaning product ingredients, fabric care ingredients, pharmaceutical ingredients, cosmetic ingredients, personal care ingredients, and mixtures thereof.
53. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of: moisture sensitive ingredients, liquid ingredients, enzymes, perfumes, surfactants, brighteners, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, fabric conditioners, antibacterial agents, effervescing systems and mixtures thereof.

54. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said active ingredient further comprises an acidic compound.
55. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said polymeric material comprises an acidic polymer and/or an additional acidic agent.
56. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said polymeric material comprises a water-soluble polymer selected from the group consisting of: polyvinylalcohol, polysaccharides, polycarboxylic acids, cellulose, modified cellulose, gums, and derivatives of said polymers and mixtures thereof.
57. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said foam component further comprising a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of glycerol, ethylene glycol, diethyleneglycol, propylene glycol, sorbitol and mixtures thereof.
58. (new) The composition according to claim 46, wherein said composition is a cleaning composition, fabric care composition, cosmetic composition, personal care composition or pharmaceutical composition.
59. The composition according to claim 53, wherein said composition is a cleaning composition which further comprises an adjunct ingredient selected from the group consisting of bleach catalysts, chelating agents, bleach stabilizers, alkalinity systems, builders, phosphate containing builders, suds suppressors, lime soaps, dispersants, soil suspending and anti-redeposition agents, soil release agents, dyes, dyed speckles, corrosion inhibitors, anti-wrinkle aids, fabric integrity polymers, and mixtures thereof.
60. The composition according to claim 53, wherein said composition is a personal care composition which further comprises an adjunct ingredient selected from the group consisting of cationic surfactants, zinc-containing compounds, vitamins, cortisones, skin softening agents, and mixtures thereof.
61. (new) An absorbent article comprising the composition according to claim 46, wherein the absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of diapers, wipes, catemenials, plaster, bandages, and mixtures thereof.

62. (new) A method of using the composition according to claim 46 to deliver active ingredients to an aqueous environment, comprising the step of contacting an aqueous environment with said foam component.
63. (new) A method of using the composition according to claim 46 to incorporate active ingredients, said method comprising the step of incorporating active ingredient into said foam component, said active ingredient being selected from the group consisting of: enzymes, perfumes, surfactants, brighteners, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, fabric conditioners, antibacterial agents, effervescing systems, and mixtures thereof.